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AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

Kindly replace the claims as follows.

- 1-12. Cancelled.
- 13. (currently amended) A method for creating <u>and trading</u> a dynamic security The method of claim 12, further comprising the steps of:

selecting a plurality of assets to form a dynamic security, the plurality of assets chosen from two or more of the categories:

fixed income securities,

stocks,

futures contracts,

options contracts,

other securities,

non-security financial instruments,

real property leases, and

collectibles;

the dynamic security being a financial interest whose value tracks the sum of the values of the assets forming the dynamic security;

comparing <u>a</u> the rate of return <u>of an asset within the dynamic security</u> to a pre-determined target rate of return; <u>and</u>

trading the asset within the dynamic security based on the comparing.

- 14. (original) The method of claim 13, further comprising providing a notification when the rate of return deviates at a pre-determined ratio from the target rate of return.
- 15. (currently amended) The method of claim 13 [[1]], further comprising monitoring a rate of return of each of the selected plurality of assets securities.

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16. (currently amended) The method of claim 15, further comprising comparing the rate

of return of each of the selected <u>assets</u> securities to a pre-determined target rate of return.

17. (currently amended) The method of claim 16, further comprising providing a

notification when the value of a selected one of each of the selected plurality of <u>assets</u> securities

deviates at a pre-determined ratio from the target rate of return.

18. (original) The method of claim 15, further comprising implementing the method in

an electronic trading platform.

19-20. (cancelled)

21. (currently amended) The system of claim 24 [[19]], further comprising means for

trading the dynamic security.

22. (currently amended) The system of claim 24 [[19]], further comprising means for

trading at least one of the selected plurality of <u>assets</u> securities separate from the dynamic

security.

23. (cancelled)

24. (currently amended) A The system for creating and trading a dynamic security of

claim 23, further comprising:

means for selecting a plurality of assets to form a dynamic security, the plurality of assets

chosen from two or more of the categories:

fixed income securities,

stocks,

futures contracts,

options contracts,

other securities,

non-security financial instruments,

real property leases, and

collectibles;

the dynamic security being a financial interest whose value tracks the sum of the values of the assets forming the dynamic security;

means for comparing <u>a</u> the rate of return <u>of an asset within the dynamic security</u> to a predetermined target rate of return; <u>and</u>

means for trading the asset within the dynamic security based on the comparing.

- 25. (currently amended) The system of claim 23 [[24]], further comprising means for providing a notification when the rate of return deviates at a pre-determined ratio from the target rate of return.
- 26. (currently amended) The system of claim <u>23</u> [[19]], further comprising means for monitoring a rate of return of each of the selected plurality of <u>assets</u> securities.
 - 27. (cancelled).
- 28. (currently amended) The system of claim 23 [[27]], further comprising means for providing a notification when the value of a selected one of each of the selected plurality of assets securities deviates at a pre-determined ratio from the target rate of return.
- 29. (currently amended) The system of claim 23 [[19]], further comprising means for implementing the system in an electronic trading platform.

30-41. (cancelled)

42. (currently amended) <u>A The system for creating and trading</u> a dynamic security The method of claim 12, further comprising:

a storage device, the storage device storing:

a program for controlling the processor;

a list of assets;

a processor connected to the storage device. the processor operative with the program to:

select a plurality of assets from a list of assets to form a dynamic security from the selected plurality of assets, the plurality of assets chosen from two or more of the categories:

fixed income securities,

stocks,

futures contracts,

options contracts,

other securities,

non-security financial instruments,

real property leases, and

collectibles;

the dynamic security being a financial interest whose value tracks the sum of the values of the assets forming the dynamic security;

wherein the system is further configured to allow compare a comparing of the rate of return of an asset within the dynamic security to a pre-determined target rate of return; and trade the asset within the dynamic security based on the result of the compare.

- 43. (previously presented) The system of claim 42, wherein the system is further configured to allow providing a notification when the rate of return deviates at a pre-determined ratio from the target rate of return.
- 44. (currently amended) The system of claim <u>42</u> [[30]], wherein the system is further configured to allow monitoring of a rate of return of each of the selected plurality of <u>assets</u> securities.

- 45. (currently amended) The system of claim 44, wherein the system is further configured to allow comparing of the rate of return of each of the selected <u>assets</u> securities to a pre-determined target rate of return.
- 46. (currently amended) The system of claim 45, wherein the system is further configured to allow providing a notification when the value of a selected one of each of the selected plurality of <u>assets</u> securities deviates at a pre-determined ratio from the target rate of return.
- 47. (previously presented) The system of claim 44, wherein the system is further configured to allow implementing the system in an electronic trading system.